



Rev. R. A. Wilson retired as District Assistant Superintendent at the recent Convention in Stockton, having served nearly fourteen years. Elected to serve in this office, effective May 1, 1970, was Pastor Robert W. Pirtle, Roseville, California

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The Power of Christ's Resurrection

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The ancient question of Job, "If a man die, shall he live again?," remains the fundamental question haunting all men today. Although recent advances in genetics, surgery, agriculture, space exploration, and other scientific fields lead some to speculate that man will one day be able to control his own destiny, the brutal reign of death reminds every man of his ultimate fate. He is surrounded by evidence of physical and spiritual death. Physical death overtakes him through war, violence, catastrophe, accident, disease, or deterioration of the body. Spiritual death is seen in man's egocentric existence lived in rebellion against his Creator, his failure to dwell in peace with his fellows, his inability to master his passions and live up to the demands of his own conscience. Dwelling in spiritual darkness and facing an inevitable grave, man can find no way out of his predicament. Then in the providence of God the darkness is pierced by the light-bringing words of Jesus Christ: "Because I live, you shall live also." And on the Sunday after his Friday crucifixion, Jesus Christ, true to his word, bursts the bonds of death. His resurrection is announced by God's messengers at the empty tomb: "He is not here—he is risen!"

The triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ, together with his vicarious death on the cross, is the heart of the Gospel. In the cross is seen the greatness of God's love for rebellious man. In the resurrection is demonstrated God's power over sin and death. Without the resurrection, life is absurd and men have absolutely no hope; but because of it, life has eternal meaning, and men who believe are assured a victorious present and a glorious future.

The reality of God's mighty act in raising Jesus from the dead is taught throughout the New Testament. Matthew recites the angel's words that "he is risen from the dead." Mark tells of the appearances of the risen Christ to Mary Magdalene, to the two who walked into the country, and to the eleven disciples. Luke describes how Jesus invited his disciples to see and touch his crucified body and ate fish in their presence. John relates many confrontations of the risen Christ with his followers, including his appearance to convince doubting Thomas of his resurrection. Paul declares that Christ was "raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures," describes his own encounter with the risen Christ, and repeatedly stresses the significance of the resurrection. The writer of the Book of Hebrews offers a benediction to "the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus." Peter declares that by God's great mercy "we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

The early Christians who first proclaimed the Christian Gospel were so convinced of Jesus' resurrection that they

freely gave up their personal ambitions, their possessions, and even their lives to make Christ's message known. At his death men who had followed Jesus during his public ministry were grievously discouraged, perplexed, and fearful. They expected no resurrection, for they had not really grasped Jesus' teaching about it. Even when Mary Magdalene told them of the angelic announcement of Christ's resurrection, they did not believe it. Except for John, who believed when he saw the grave clothes lying in the empty tomb, those closest to Jesus did not believe in the resurrection until they saw and recognized the risen Christ. In his appearances Jesus not only showed them his wounded body but also reminded them of his own predictions and the testimony of the Scriptures regarding his resurrection. The empty tomb, his appearances, the disciples' conversations with Jesus, and their reflections upon the Scripture led them to understand fully the truth of Jesus' resurrection. As Michael Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, writes, all these factors had their place "in leading the apostles through fear to wonder, through wonder to faith, and through faith to worship."

The historical fact of the resurrection is well established by the evidence of the empty tomb and the events surrounding it, the disciples' testimony of their actual experiences with the risen Lord, the emergence of the Church with its message of resurrection, and the changed lives of those who trusted the living Christ. Had Jesus chosen to show himself to the world at large after his resurrection, men would have been forced either to admit his triumph over death or to resort to a falsehood (as they did when his body disappeared from the tomb) to deny his resurrection. But Jesus chose to show himself only to people of faith. Why? Because true knowledge of the resurrection has a spiritual as well as an empirical basis. Knowledge of Jesus Christ as the resurrected Lord requires openness to the Holy Spirit, belief in God's revealed promises, recognition that God acted miraculously to raise Jesus from the dead, and willingness to confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The risen Christ appeared to his followers not only to convince them of the fact of God's triumph over sin and death but also to lead them to a vital *faith* in him as the one "designated Son of God in power according to the spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead."

The Kingdom of God was made known on earth with the coming of the Son of God in human flesh. But it was in Christ's resurrection that the power of God's reign in history was fully demonstrated, for by this act sin and death were utterly defeated. Christ's victory makes possible man's redemption from sin and assures believers of eternal life. This life is not only a matter of survival

Pastor Lee Paino, First Assembly, Alameda, reports, "We had such a great day Sunday I just have to share it with you. It was probably the most tremendous single day we have ever had and the way things have been going, that's saying a lot. Without any extra push we had 273 in Sunday School. During the morning worship service the auditorium was comfortably filled with at least 300 including the overflow groups of children in the three children's churches. . .at the close of the communion service, the Holy Spirit moved on the congregation and seven individuals accepted Christ as personal Saviour. I did not get to preach my message that morning. . . At the close of the evening message an entire family, two teenage daughters, a boy friend, a nine year old daughter, a married son and his wife, all accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. At the same time a new teenage boy gave his heart to the Lord giving us fourteen souls in one day. . .Pray with us as God begins to move upon us with a fresh revival spirit."

Evangelist George Holmes reports meetings in Campbell, Las Vegas, and presently in the State of Kansas for at least three months. He reminds his friends that his address is: 1200 Woodrow Ave., Modesto, California 95350.

Pastor Floyd Larson, Calvary Assembly, Milpitas, reports, "God was honored in a recent Sunday night service when ten or eleven were baptized in the Holy Spirit following a very logical and thorough presentation of truth from God's Word concerning the Baptism of the Spirit by Navy Chaplain (Commander) Stanford Linzey of Moffett Field. God continued His work after the service ended as a young boy was baptized in the Spirit after he reached his home that night."

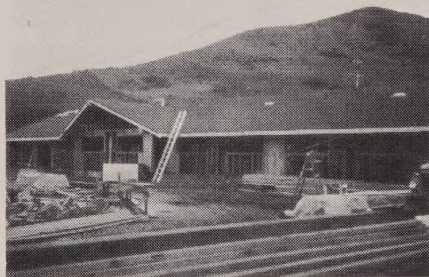
PEOPLE AND PLACES

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Evangelist Watson Argue reports a coming evangelistic crusade in Angelus Temple, Los Angeles. Other campaigns coming soon include Chico with Pastor Elrod and Riverbank with Pastor Martin.

Pastor Richard L. Waters, Rio Dell Assembly, has submitted this photo showing the new church un-



der construction. This congregation was forced to move to a new site when the former property was taken by the State Highway Department.

Jiwan Hunter writes from Maseno, Kenya, Africa of his ministry in the schools (mainly high schools). He says, "Many schools allow us to have a three day weekend with the students. We show Gospel films, teach and preach from the Bible and pray with and counsel individuals. So far, not one school has refused to let us pray for the sick."

Pastor Rick C. Howard, Valley Assembly, Dublin, reports thrilling progress in the outreach of the church into the community. He also states that missions giving increased 50% during the last year.

Pastor Roy Blakeley, Neighborhood Church, Modesto, expresses his sincere appreciation to all who have prayed for him during his illness. He is now back in his office and able to resume many of his duties.

Pastors Ruby Enyart and Erna C. Petznick, Half Moon Bay, report recent new furnishings acquired by the Assembly and dedicated on February 15 at a special service conducted by Rev. R. A. Wilson. Special music was furnished by the Monte Vista Christian School choir under the direction of Donald Price, school principal. Present also was a charter and faithful present member of the Assembly, Mrs. Mary Miller, of Half Moon Bay. She remembers well the beginnings of the work relatively early in the century. New furnishings dedicated include carpeting, drapes, pulpit, communion table, flower boxes, pastors' pews, and nearly-new congregational pews. The church was painted inside and out. These improvements were made largely by a gift to the church from members now deceased. The Pastors report attendance has doubled during the past ten months.

WE NEED A PASTOR. The following is from a letter recently received from a church in the District asking for assistance in getting a pastor. It contains the heart cry of earnest church members for leadership. "We would like a man who would be a real Shepherd to the people. One who would show the people he cared for them, and a man who would consult with his official board from time to time and would work with them and not ignore them. . .making all of the decisions by himself. . .we are a small assembly and would like the man who becomes our pastor to realize he is coming to a small assembly which consists of common people. . .one who does not want to pattern us after a large church. In a small as-

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LEADERSHIP '70

February 6-7 were the dates of the best attended Youth Leadership Conference in District history, held in Lodi First Assembly of God. Over 200 youth pastors, sponsors, and C.A. officers were present. Featured guest for this occasion was Ken Poure, outstanding youth speaker.

- 1 - Some of the delegates attending the two-day conference
- 2 - Leadership '70 was . . . fabulous food, fellowship and instruction
- 3 - Conference personnel
 L. L. Paino, I. Suess, R. Flessing, L. Lewis, K. Poure, E. Weising, D. Cawston, J. Haefele, D. Eastman, J. Argue



FRIENDS OF YOUTH BANQUET

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- 4 - 200 pastors, church delegates, and youth attended the Annual Friends of Youth Banquet which featured Speed the Light awards, Dallas Holm, Soloist and David Wilkerson, Speaker.
- 5 - Representatives from 25 churches throughout the District giving \$1,000 or more to Speed the Light in 1969.

ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL YOUTH NIGHT

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- 6 - Dave Wilkerson forcefully presented a message on the Second Coming of Christ
- 7 - Dallas Holm, Dave Wilkerson Crusade soloist, effectively shared Christ through his "folk type" singing
- 8 - Management estimated the crowd at 4,300 with additional hundreds turned away.





Perhaps what happened in this year's youth rally can best be summed up by the following letter to the editor that was printed in a leading newspaper, *the STOCKTON RECORD*

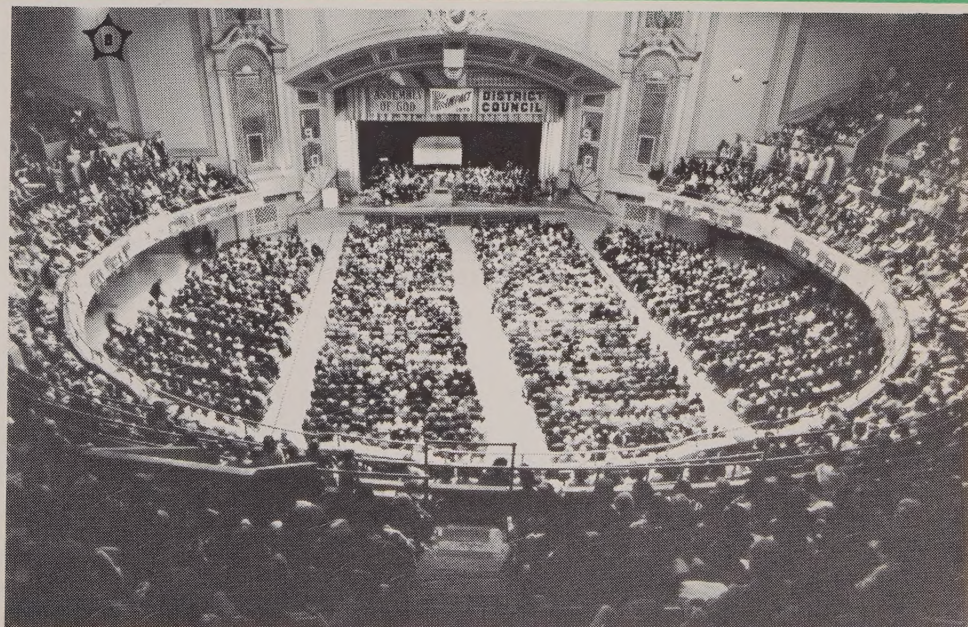
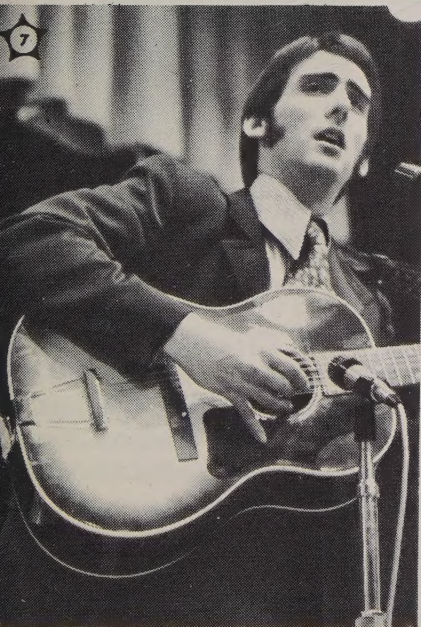
CONVENTION THRILLER

EDITOR: On March 3, I had the wonderful privilege of attending a meeting of the Assemblies of God Convention at the Civic Auditorium. I was astounded to see over 4,300 persons there with standing room only.

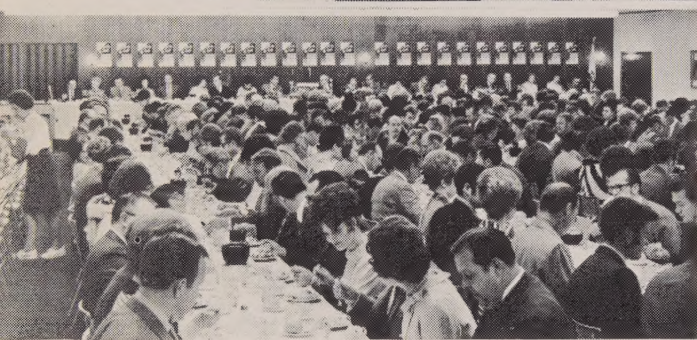
These people were there to hear one thing, the message of Jesus Christ presented by Dave Wilkerson, an outstanding young man from New York City who has written many books. The message was directed to young people, and how they did respond. Hundreds went forward to accept Jesus Christ into their lives.

I am convinced that those 4,300 people added to the power of Jesus Christ could close the doors of the Blue Moon, The Talespin, the topless and bottomless, the X rated and R rated films, the drug problem and the open-on-Sunday program of many of our stores.

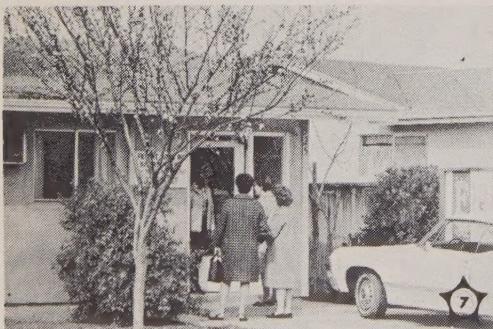
Those who feel as I do, please write your supervisor or your city councilman today!



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STOCKTON-ACTION CRUSADES



1—Missionary Paul Finkenbinder and Men's Fellowship Director Joe D. Wright rejoicing over the fact that \$47,187.00 in cash and pledges were made for tons of literature to be put in the hands of our missionaries around the world. It was a thrill to see so many pastors and laymen in attendance at this banquet, and to see the Holy Spirit work as Missionary Paul Finkenbinder challenged each one present to be personally involved in sharing the Light of the Gospel with those who sit in darkness.

The banquet was beautifully emceed by our District Light for the Lost Chairman, Dave Sondeno, with special music presented by Rev. and Mrs. Jory Waldon.

Another moment of inspiration came when Missionary Cal Zeissler and Missionary Ralph Hiatt gave testimony as to what Light for the Lost is doing among the heathen in the areas where they serve as missionaries.

We were privileged to have our National Missionary Director, Rev. Philip Hogan, as special guest at the head table.

2—Mrs. Estelle Morgan, Secretary of the Men's Fellowship Department had her hands full, tabulating the pledges and cash that came in at the banquet which amounted to over \$47,187.00.

3—District Chairman of Light for the Lost, Carol Longstreth and Nancy Boyd assisted in tabulating the pledges.

Dave Sondeno, Emcee of Banquet.

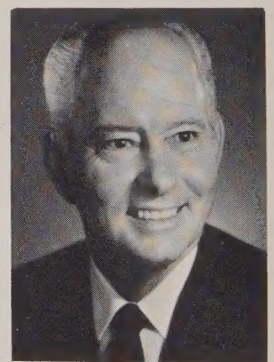
4—President Joe Wright presenting to Pastor Kelsey Prinzing and Don Sanders a special trophy for first place in the District Light for the Lost giving, going to First Assembly in Los Gatos, who gave \$4,230.00 this past year. And a trophy to second place winner, Pastor Paul Schoch, and Men's Fellowship Director, Oliver Fox, receiving the second trophy with a total giving of \$2,670.00.

5—J. P. Jones was constantly thrilling us with new ideas and methods of personal witnessing. Even while we were eating cake and drinking coffee.

6—Here we are on the streets preparing to go from door to door with J. P. Jones giving us last-minute details.

7—The ladies and young people played a very important part, and here are three of the ladies witnessing at the door.

8—Everyone got the message—once we hit the streets. This boy gladly received the Gospel.



DAYS OF REFRESHING

Hear Pastor Clyde Henson and layman Herb Ellingwood at the Days of Refreshing, May 8-9 at Richardson Springs, Chico, California. Two days and one night for \$18.72. Send now for reservations to:

P. O. Box 961
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**GRADUATION TIME AT
AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE**

Graduation exercises at the African Bible College were highlighted this year by having Jim Grams of Brazil, brother to Mel Grams at Rustenburg, as the speaker. The Bethany Chapel was filled to overflowing before the start of the service. Jim Grams had also been the speaker at their Bible Conference, where many people received the Holy Spirit.

The Western Transvaal District, of which Mel Grams is the Superintendent, placed Miss Ecclesia Sekgabi in a rural reserve to do missionary work. There is no transportation, and the towns are far apart. The student body of the Bible School takes a missionary offering every week, and then at the end of the year uses the money for a worthy project. This year they bought the bicycle seen in the picture, and presented it to the Western Transvaal District, to be used by Miss Sekgabi.



- 1—Mel Grams at graduation
- 2—Jim Grams preaching at graduation services
- 3—James Stewart presents diplomas
- 4—1969 Graduates
- 5—Choir and Student Body at Graduation
- 6—Student Council presents bicycle to Miss Sekgabi
- 7—Jim Grams, Mel Grams, James Stewart

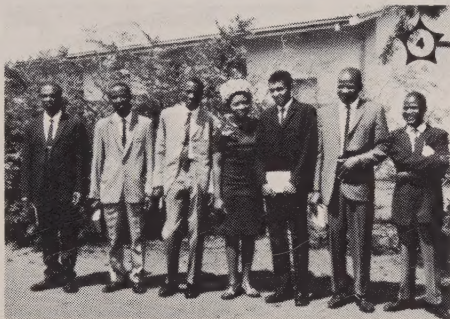
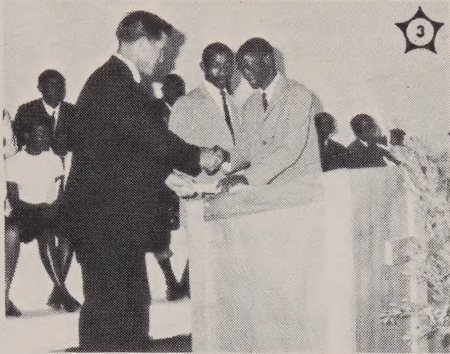
DALE AND MYRNA LEE —

... Upper Volta, West Africa, plan to start their furlough in April. They hope to make a stop-over in Switzerland to see Dale's sister, Judi Schultz, enroute home.



**HOME & FOREIGN
MISSIONS**

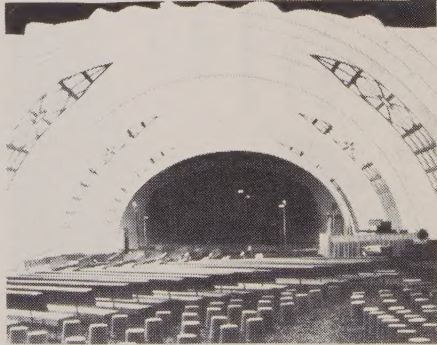
RUBEN A. WILSON
Director of
Home and Foreign Missions



BUENO REPORT . . .

The Buenos will be in Panama through May. Their address is Apartado 8518, Panama 5, Panama. Contributions toward the cost of the cathedral and the campaigns in these countries are welcomed.

- 1—Crowd of 2000 in attendance at service in Salvador, conducted in the Air Cathedral by Elmer and Lee Bueno.
- 2—View of inside of the Air Cathedral



SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

APRIL 24 - 25

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT AT DISTRICT COUNCIL

This year's District Council featured a solid thrust for Sunday Schools with the entire Wednesday evening program devoted to Christian Education.

Under the inspiring direction of Xavier Guterrez and Joe Prettyman two combined choirs, "The Small World Singers," and the "Singing Adults," thrilled the Wednesday night audience.

The Sunday Schools of Northern California and Nevada grew over 1000 last year, while the national

trend was down. This is largely due to the creativeness of our District's Sunday School thinkers. Willa Vae Bowles is a creative thinker. She has come up with a most innovative idea—the Single Adult Class. During C. E. night she was featured in an interview conducted by Rev. Bob Willis.

William Kirschke, the National Sunday School Secretary, climaxed the evening with a Sunday School message that challenged all to "Arise and Go" in 1970.



1—The Greater Stockton Area "Small World Singers"
... led by Xavier Guterrez

2—The Greater Stockton Area Combined Choir, led by Joe Prettyman

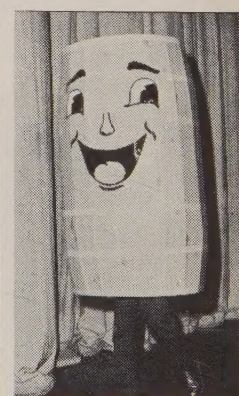


3—BGMC Total Giving award presented to Carl Curtright, South San Francisco by Cornish Jones

4—The Braillettes, Kay, Jackie and Maggie

5—Buddy Barrel

6—Interview on reaching single adults by Bob Willis with Willa Vae Bowles and Earl Johnson



MRS. JEAN FULENWIDER—"TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

The Susanville Assembly of God Sunday School presented the "Teacher of the Year" award for 1969 to Mrs. Jean Fulenwider. Mrs. Fulenwider is shown receiving the award from Sunday School Superintendent, Paul Simpson.

The award was given to Mrs. Fulenwider for her efforts and achievements as the Sunday School teacher for the Adult Bible Class. She also received the award for "Teacher of

the Month" three times during the year. The award is made on the basis of a 100% evaluation system, which considers attendance at Sunday School and conferences, classmembers grades, follow-up visitation and class growth.

Does your church recognize the teacher of the year? There is certainly no one more deserving of recognition than our Sunday School teachers.



District Superintendent's Annual Report

By Superintendent JOSEPH L. GERHART, to the delegates of the 53rd District Council Convention — Stockton, California — March 4, 1970



John 12:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

There was a farmer who started out early one morning to plant the south forty. As he left the door of his home, he noticed one of his old hens scratching around trying to find something to eat, and this reminded him that since he would be gone most of the day he should feed the chickens before going to the field to sow. As he approached the feed bin, he noticed that a board had come loose, and the corn was spilling out of the bin. He went to find a hammer to fix the board, but was unable to locate it immediately, so he picked up an axe which lay near by. A quick look at the axe reminded him that he had failed to sharpen it after its last use, and besides, it was beginning to rust. He thought it best to take care of this right now while it was on his mind.

He went to the grindstone and started to work on the axe, but there was so much squeaking from the grindstone that he decided to get the oil can and fix the squeak. On the way to the barn to get the oil can he heard his old cow complaining about not having been milked. It was important to take care of the milking, so he headed for the cow barn. However, as he walked to the barn he noticed great flocks of birds swarming over the cornfield, and he knew that something must be done immediately or he would lose much of the grain. With this thought in mind, he headed quickly to the house to get his shotgun to get rid of the menacing birds. As he hurried toward the house, the thought came to him that it would probably be better to put a scare-crow in the field, since the gun would only kill a few birds and frighten the rest away, but they would promptly return to continue their feast.

He went to his closet for some old clothes for the scare-crow, and was amazed to find so much old stuff had accumulated since he last cleaned out the closet. "Now, I really should go through this stuff and get rid of a lot of it. Why, this old coat ought to be taken to the WMC Commissary!" Thoroughly inspired by the thought of making a liberal contribution to the commissary, he tossed out garment after garment. As he looked at the pile of old clothes, he remembered that there was a lot of old fruit down in the cellar that he had canned a couple of years ago and hadn't used. He should add this to the gift of goods for the missionaries . . .

Now, friends, I could continue my story, but suffice it to say that the farmer spent his day in this way, and as the day began to draw to a close, he remembered that he never did get the south forty planted; and the clucking of the hens and the mooing of the cow reminded him that they had been completely forgotten. The feed was still spilling out of the bin, the axe was still rusting on the squeaky grindstone, the birds had filled up their craws on the grain in the field, and those poor missionaries — "Oh, — well, there will be another day."

Is it possible that this could be a rather exaggerated picture of some of our days' activities? We start out in all good faith and intentions to plant the south forty—to get on with the business of getting the soil ready and planting the seed. We fully intend to have a bountiful crop to harvest for the Master but the busy-ness of our days, the little distractions, the tem-

porary demands upon our time keep us so busy that we may come to the end of the day with the heart-breaking awareness that we never did get to the really important business of our lives . . . planting the seed with our personal testimony, our ministry to the need of a neighbor or a friend, and the ground lies untouched by the only way a crop can be raised—the planting of the seed. It is easy to drift into a position where we simply 'major in minors.'

A PERIL IN EVERY CHURCH

The story is told of a super-salesman who sold an incredibly efficient filing system to a certain business concern. A few months later he dropped by the office of the company to check up on its operation.

"How is the system working?" he inquired eagerly.

"Beyond our wildest dreams," the manager replied.

"And how's business?" the salesman asked.

The manager smiled, "We had to give up our business in order to run the filing system!"

Overdrawn? Of course. But it points to a peril in the life of every person and every church. We can get so busy running the machinery that we have no time for the real purpose for which Christ has left us in this world.

The mission of our entire General Council of the Assemblies of God for this year has been designated, "IMPACT '70." Around the world we are zooming in on target cities which have been designated as critical areas for concentrated united evangelistic efforts. Our Message for 1970 has been proclaimed to be, "GO AND TELL!" It is with great pride in recognition of some of the activities and achievements of our District Departments that I bring you the following brief resume. Outstanding strides toward progress can be reported. Each Department has provided you with a detailed report, but here are a few specifics that I want to mention.

WORLD MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

The Foreign Missions Director, with the assistance of his excellent Foreign Missions Board, has continued to promote and stimulate Foreign Missions vision among our pastors and congregations. During Camp Meetings this past year approximately \$18,000.00 was raised for RFFM. This money is designated and used to assist our District foreign missionaries with their fares back to the fields of their calling. This amount was an increase of about 15% over the previous year. The total given to Foreign Missions from our District for 1969 was \$613,544 — an increase of 6.7% over the previous year. Foreign Missions continue, and rightly so, to be a very important facet of our District operations.

The HOME MISSIONS report shows good progress as well. Total designated offerings reached \$69,854. These offerings go direct to the designee. Undesignated offerings of \$14,054 were received. I would like to mention here that our Home Missions program is constantly hindered by a shortage of undesignated funds which can be used by the Home Missions Board in providing for Home Missions projects. Progress is much too often deterred by insufficient funds. This has especially been the case since so many of our Sections have eliminated the monthly fellowship meetings which had provided a constant flow of undesignated Home Missions funds in past years. We must find a way in which to correct this present weak spot in

our Home Missions program if we are to continue to support many of our areas of ministry.

The **CHINESE CHRISTIAN CENTER** in San Francisco is a going concern. Many of us visited the Center on Monday evening, February 23rd, to enjoy fellowship in a completely renovated building. You would never suspect that it had been a wholesale fish market only a short time ago! Workmen have given of their time and skills and have gone more than the 'extra mile' to put this precious Chinese Assembly into an adequate building. Incidentally, the choir and orchestra of this Assembly is second to none, and the spirit of dedication and service among the members of the Assembly is almost unbelievable!

Another activity placed under our Home Missions Department by our By-Laws is the **OAKLAND RESCUE MISSION**. It is rather shocking to know that there is in our present affluent society such a great need to provide for hungry and homeless men. Those who work so faithfully at the Rescue Mission can witness to the continual stream of men who avail themselves of the facilities of the Mission, and of many who are led to a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ, coming to know Him as their Saviour and Lord.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

With a fantastic total of \$484,580.79 of cash and 'cash-valued' new merchandise, our WMC President and her capable board and local groups forged forward again this year, with an increase of \$44,871.65. This was an increase of almost 10% over the previous year. This department, which continues to lead the nation in giving, looks forward to breaking the one-half million dollar barrier in 1970. With your help and mine, and by our prayers and moral support, they WILL do it! This is more than just a worthy goal; it is a very real necessity, for our WMC has 176 District Foreign Missionaries, including their families, looking to them to supply them with tremendous amounts of goods. Also our Home Missionaries, numbering about ninety, plus their families, H. M. projects, General Council Benevolence programs, which include the Hillcrest National Children's Home, Bethany Retirement Home, Disaster Relief, Aged Minister's Assistance and Migrant Ministries. Add to this the ministries of the WMC to the needs of local assemblies and parsonages, our educational institutions and foreign students . . . these are but some of the outreaches which make the work of the Women's Missionary Council so vital to our entire constituency.

We are truly thrilled at these material successes, but is it not even more exciting to know that the WMC, like the other departments, is also an evangelistic arm of the local Assembly? With 503 local WMC groups, embracing an enrollment of 6,717 ladies in our District who are working and witnessing, we are glad to report many souls are being saved. Add to this the constant outreach and influence of our Missionettes and Y's, as hundreds of girls are being reached with basic Christian teaching and influence which will help in a tremendous way to provide our girls and young women with moral and spiritual stamina to live for Christ in this present evil world. Our young people can't go it alone! They need your help and mine. They must have our love and concern now in a practical, day by day contact which will give them something to cling to. Without this kind of mooring these young lives may well be lost to the church and to Christ. The Missionette Slogan of "preventing what the world is trying to cure" states the case loudly and clearly.

Our ladies are a part of our great IMPACT '70 program as they "GO AND TELL" week after week, month after month, in the very practical down-to-earth ministries of the local groups in our Assemblies.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS DEPARTMENT

We hear it said quite often that "This is a young people's world!" It is quite disturbing to take a good hard look at that world. I need only refer you to your daily newspaper and to your TV news reports to point out that perhaps the most tremendous demands ever made upon the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ are being made RIGHT NOW by the condition of our seething society. How can our ministry to the youth make any impact for Christ? It is my sincere conviction that the only way we can effectively combat the power of Satan which is running rampant across our nation, engulfing our youth in the horrible floods of immorality, drugs and rebellion, is by possessing and manifesting the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. We are seeing tremendous spiritual life in many of our local Assemblies being expressed through the thrilling dedications and testimonies of our young people. Our Youth will respond to the move of God. They will go where SOMETHING IS HAPPENING! If we, the adults of the churches, the pastors of the churches, the parents and the Christian men and women will demonstrate the transforming power of God in our lives every day on the job, in the homes and in the church, I believe God, by His Holy Spirit, can so fill our youth with His presence and power, that they will be able to stand against the forces of evil, and more than just standing, they are the ones who can wage effective war against Satan in the very strongholds of youth's throbbing society. This is the challenge of our C. A. Department. I believe you know of their tremendous, moving programs which are geared to meet the needs of our youth through personal spiritual development and maturity, and through personal witnessing in the local areas and communities, as well as in areas outside the U.S.A.

We are facing the greatest problems ever known by our churches. Our good C. A. President and all of his advisers are giving this Department everything they have in an effort to bring to our youth that which will point them to "Christ as the answer." The Departmental reports will reflect much of what is being accomplished. Our C.A.'s are arising to the need. Youth Missions Mobilized is evangelizing city after city. Emphasis is placed on 'prevention' in the programs of our C. A. Department, as well as on 'rescue.' The missionary outreach of our youth through Speed-the-Light continues to be most dramatic and rewarding. There was a 50% increase in STL giving in 1969 over 1968. Over \$78,000 was raised. Our youth are tremendously involved in our total IMPACT program. They are GOING up and down the city streets, across the campuses of our colleges, and to villages and cities in other lands in their effort to "GO and TELL" the GOSPEL of CHRIST!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT

President Joe Wright has measured up to all expectations as the new leader for the strategic Men's Fellowship Department. With only slight changes in the established program, he has embellished and enhanced the work of the department with some new innovations and concepts. More and more important goals are being realized, and our men are getting involved in long-neglected areas of outreach.

ROYAL RANGERS continues to grow in numbers as boys win boys for Christ. God-called and anointed leaders for these boys are working to prepare and carry out programs of instruction and inspiration. Like the Sunday School, Missionettes, and C.A.'s they are heavily involved in a program of prevention. These leaders remind me of a group of frantic doctors working tirelessly to immunize as many as possible before a terrible epidemic claims lives. God bless them, and God help them. You and I will continue to faithfully contribute and support these prevention programs, I am sure.

LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST, the missionary arm of Men's Fellowship is constantly showing gains. Those of you who attended the Light-for-the-Lost Banquet on Monday night are still rejoicing in what God hath wrought. Over \$47,000 was raised for Gospel Literature at that Banquet in but a very short time. The men are GOING and they are TELLING in Action Crusades, and in the giving of their time and finances.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

This many-faceted department is having its influence in every ministry of the District. The Sunday School promotion and development program this year has once again exceeded all expectations. Even though the General Council reports show that our entire constituency throughout the United States closed 1969 with a rather appalling loss in total Sunday School membership, yet our District closed the year with a gain of more than 1,000 members. God help us to continue in this direction. If we can, we will have at least 10,000 more members at the close of the decade of the 70's. I believe we can do it.

The missionary arm of this department is our Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, which has produced \$10,580 for Sunday School literature for boys and girls overseas.

The Christian Education Department is GOING and TELLING!

Our beloved District Secretary-Treasurer reports several new innovations and procedures being used to help keep the records straight. With the advent of more and more services comes the problem of more and more records. Insurances for ministers and churches have increased the load tremendously. The administration of the Group Insurance program alone has increased the work load by 17%. Our Secretary's ability to design and implement these systems and procedures has benefited all of us.

Some of the other important activities in which we are involved should be mentioned here also.

TEEN CHALLENGE of San Francisco serves its purpose in a continuing course of 'rescuing the perishing. This is an expensive operation, but who can set a price on the salvaging of drug-addicted men and women? Many of those who have been snatched from Satan's grip are set on a new course of life with Christ, and are trained to "GO and TELL" it on the street corners and wherever they may find a place of witness. Pray for and support this ministry.

The **AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** in Phoenix, in which this District is involved, has grown to the extent that more adequate facilities are urgently needed. The Board has just recently voted to proceed with the construction of the first building on the new campus. This building will be used for dormitories, chapel, dining room, offices and class rooms. The response for financial assistance has been good, even though much more money will be required before the completion of this first unit. The indigenous church system used so successfully on foreign fields and among language and ethnic groups here at home surely is the most effective method we can use among our American Indian friends. These students are already in the business of "GOING and TELLING." Thank God!

CHRISTIAN CAMPS continue to be popular for all ages. It is reported that the Camps at Redwood and Mt. Lassen continue to be a source of great blessing in their respective areas. The District Family Camp at Bethany Park proved to be extremely successful this year, with the Eddie Washingtons as our Evangelists, and Harry Steil as the Bible Teacher. One pastor said to me that his church took on an entirely new thrust because of the Family Camp Meeting last summer. I am sure this is the case all over the District where pastors and people avail themselves of these spiritual blessings.

The number of Fall Ministers' Institutes was reduced from six to two in 1969 as an experiment. So many favorable comments came in about this that the Presbytery approved two again for 1970. One in the North, and

the South of the District. This new plan does allow a little more at each Institute and a broader selection of teachers, since they do have to stay away from their regular positions so long. This plan has resulted in a reduction in overall costs, helping us to stay within the get.

The "Mission to Europe" vacation trip that you so generously provided Mrs. Gerhart and me proved to be a tremendous blessing and inspiration. One of the greatest spiritual impacts I have witnessed in a number of years was during the Assemblies of God Servicemen's Retreat in Berchtesgaden, Germany, in November. After the one week of Retreat, we spent the rest of the month visiting our Chaplains and missionaries and young people from our District on special witnessing missions in Europe. We were able to bless them for you as you would have desired us to do. Fourteen of the forty Assemblies of God active duty military chaplains are members of our District. These brave missionaries to the military are doing an outstanding job, and are worthy of highest commendation. They are our prayers, as on many occasions they walk through the valley of the shadow of death—just to "GO and TELL" and to be where they are needed. The more than 50 servicemen's prayer groups are continuing to make strides in Europe as they conduct weekly Pentecostal services on the military bases. The results of these efforts were very obvious at the Berchtesgaden retreat where we saw a large number saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Our own missionary, Dick Fulmer, continues to give outstanding leadership to this work.

Thank you again for your loving kindness and consideration. This was a year service gift that will never be forgotten. We would like to express personal appreciation to the wonderful brethren of the Presbytery who are so kind as to recommend this special remembrance of us by the District fellowship.

I will not take your time now to give a report on our Bethany Bible College, inasmuch as we have our annual meeting this afternoon. I would like to simply say, however, that we have a school of which we can all be justly proud, and we continually thank God for its great leadership in our District, Dr. C. C. Burnett.

These are but some of the successes and achievements of 1969. Time prohibits my going farther into this. We give God all the glory, for it is He who gives the victories. And we thank you for your ever-present cooperation.

Progress—yes indeed! All of these activities add up to "GOING and TELLING"—but are we through? No, never. Are we satisfied? Not on our life. Let's back off and take a good look at our accomplishments as a District on one hand, and our potential on the other, and strive to use every talent and ability we possess in performing our Herculean task of reaching the World for Christ, and more specifically, in reaching Northern California and Nevada.

Now, let's take a brief look at the future. Much has been said about the new decade. From Christian Education Trends we read: "Change is to be one constant among many variables in contemporary life. Business, education, community relations, entertainment, the church—all are lived in a fresh look at what's been done in the past, and in difficult decisions about what changes to make in the future."

The danger of resistance to change is highlighted in a story told by Charles Butler, pastor of Detroit's New Calvary Progressive Baptist Church. The people were being taken through a museum of natural history. The guide led them into a large room and showed them the skeleton of a dinosaur. "Can you tell me," asked one man, "how such a tremendous animal as that ever became extinct?" The guide's reply: "That animal has its place in this museum because it was not able to turn the corner of history." The CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST must turn the corner of history and keep in touch with the times or we, too, could face extinction through the process of becoming irrelevant and isolated from the throbbing, vital problems of our society.

Our primary mission is to "GO AND TELL." The basic purpose of the District Council is to assist us in this mission. We do thank God for victories and successes of the past. We will continue to thank Him as He leads us to greater successes in the future. We must, however, be willing to make changes as HE may direct, or we will find ourselves irrelevant to the changing conditions which exist at our doorsteps.

For the past several years, I have mentioned in my Annual Report the need for full speed ahead, which can be accomplished only as each of our department heads are freed from their burden of finding their own salaries and financial support. Let me say again that it is a pity to hire a person to do a job, and then expect him to spend a large portion of this time when he should spend on the job to which God and we have called him, attempting to keep his department alive financially. This is not consistent with good business practice for us, the voting constituency of this Council, to do the selecting of these officers—hiring them, and telling them we expect them to do—and then to deny proper fiscal responsibility for their support.

Some of you are pastors of larger Assemblies, with one or more assistant pastors. Do you expect your Sunday School to support your Director of Christian Education? Do you expect your Music Department to support your Minister of Music? No—emphatically NO! In all probability, the salaries are paid from your General Administration budget. Is it not true that the District Officers are your assistant pastors? Their only purpose in being hired is to assist you and your Assemblies.

My heart leaped with joy when the suggestion was made which resulted in the resolution which is to come before us regarding our assuming a portion of these department head's salaries. I felt that finally my suggestions had been heard, and my prayers were being answered. This is one change we should make. Here is something else to think about. A few days ago and since the resolutions were mailed out, I began to think on this. I

took my pen and did a bit of figuring. My computations showed that for only three or four dollars per month more than the resolution calls for on the part of each of us, we could pick up their total salaries and allowances, freeing these faithful and diligent department officers to devote their full time to the promotion and development of their programs to help us.

With the present departmental income not being diminished, but all of it being returned to you in more and better help, services and materials, I believe we can move ahead in greater strides than ever before. The budget pressures could be alleviated, and we who hire through the process of election would be happy to know that we are carrying our responsibility of paying those whom we hire, which is surely just and proper.

It is my opinion that this would be an even greater change that we can well afford to make in the interest of stepping up progress and success in "GOING and TELLING." Having made these remarks, I leave the decisions in your hands.

Someone has said, "The mission of the church waits on stewardship." Brother Vickery has pointed out to us that no other District in the entire General Council asks so little financial support from its members, and likewise, no other District gives so much in so many ways to its members as does our District. Our "dues," as we conveniently call them, are actually only tithes, and usually a very small portion thereof.

Dr. Clyde Taylor, General Director of NAE, states in a current newsletter: "In my twenty-five years in the nation's Capitol, I don't believe there has ever been a time when so many internal problems have confronted us . . . a record crime rate, increasing divorce, flagrant immorality, rampant atheism, uncontrolled alcoholism, youthful drug experimentation, student revolt, polarization of the races, mushrooming religious and anti-religious sects, extension of pornography from books, magazines and films to television, and a wide-spread acceptance of violence, cruelty and inhumanity. One political observer has concluded, "OUR PROBLEMS ARE BEYOND US."

Numerous voices have been raised offering solutions: provide for the poor . . . clean up the slum areas of our cities . . . eradicate racism in our society. Such efforts must have our concern and involvement, but such efforts alone—needful as they are—will never bring healing to the nation. Our problem is much deeper, and such efforts only touch the surface of the problem. Until we get serious about dealing with the root of the problem, America will continue its moral and spiritual decline, with the accompanying growing problems.

The **ROOT OF THE PROBLEM** is **SPIRITUAL**. Man can never properly relate to himself, to others, or to society generally, until he is right with God. The answer, then, is basically spiritual? and unless we are gripped by the desperate spiritual needs of our own lives, and of the nation—and do something about it—God will surely come in judgment.

What can we do? **PLENTY!** It is no time to decry, deplore and depart. It is time for self-examination and commitment—commitment to the restoration of moral and spiritual values into the fiber of the nation."

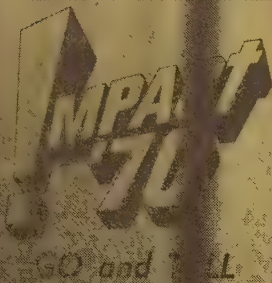
Our text, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" has to do with the planting of the seed. Jesus was speaking of His own death, but is this not our message? The text makes it very clear that unless the seed is planted, it cannot produce a crop. The message must be told, or even Jesus' death will have been in vain.

Three weeks ago I was asked to speak at the beautiful new Trinity Temple in Las Vegas, Nevada, where Pastor Wilbur Wacker was completely incapacitated due to a very bad condition in his back. Pastor and Mrs. Henson of Sacramento, who were passing through Las Vegas on the preceding Saturday, went with me to the pastor's home to have prayer with him. We found Pastor Wacker suffering terribly, and scarcely able to move. We prayed until assurance came, but still Brother Wacker was seemingly in the same condition.

I was not too surprised when I walked into the Sunday School on the following morning to find Brother Wacker teaching his class, even though this would have been an utter impossibility under normal conditions. I would like to share a bit of his testimony with you.

It was about 11:00 PM on Saturday night that Wilbur told the Lord that he was going to teach that class—even if he had to crawl or be carried! God had dealt with him earlier in the evening, and had made the words of the Scripture which I have just read to you vitally real to him. He said, "God, I am holding a seed in my hand, and it will not bring forth fruit unless I plant it. I must reach my class to plant this seed in the morning." Suddenly he felt a surge of God's healing power in his body, and jumping out of bed, he found that the pain was gone, and so was his immobility. God had completely healed him! Needless to say, he was planting that seed in Sunday School on Sunday morning.

At the morning worship service I had the unusual privilege of introducing the morning speaker—the Pastor! As he gave his testimony, he demonstrated his physical healing by kicking to the top of the platform mike—first with his left foot, and then with his right. Did we have a revival that morning? You can believe it! A prayer line came forward at the invitation of the Pastor to believe God to meet their many varied and urgent needs. Approximately 70 persons stood in the line, and were prayed for as the Pastor laid his hands on them for salvation, deliverance of habits, healing for their bodies, and many other human needs. The service continued until about 2:30 in the afternoon. The seed of faith and victory had been planted, and now many were already beginning to reap the benefits of it. If the Pastor had not had the courage to step out in faith and plant the seed I doubt that he would have been delivered so miraculously that Saturday night, and I am sure he would not have been able to plant that seed in faith so that it began at once to bring about a harvest in the lives of the people of his congregation.



THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT FIFTY-SECOND DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION

CONVENTION NOTES: Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart wishes to convey the sincere appreciation of the entire District Council to all of the Pastors and Assemblies of the NORTH SAN JOAQUIN Section who contributed to the success of the Convention. There were many people from the churches who worked long hours and made tremendous personal sacrifices in getting all of the tedious behind-the-scenes tasks done. The excellent coverage given the Convention by the news media of Stockton was above all of our expectations. Thanks to Pastors and people whose efforts and contributions made all of these things possible for our 53rd Annual District Council Convention.

The Youth Rally on Tuesday night of the Convention drew thousands of young people to hear Rev. David Wilkerson, Leo Burke, and others. The Civic Auditorium said the overflow crowd of 4,100 was the largest in the auditorium in ten years. Both the North and South sections were used to accommodate the overflow attendance.

Rev. PHILIP HOGAN, Foreign Mission Director, Springfield, Missouri, delivering ordination messages on the closing night of the Convention. Eighteen men and one woman were ordained by the laying on of hands by the District Presbytery preceding the session by Rev. Hogan.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Concluded . . .

I suppose there are times when all of us have a bad case of the 'back-ache.' It seems that we are frustrated in our attempts for God, and we become discouraged and disheartened because of handicaps and obstacles which make it seemingly impossible for us to get out and plant the seed—to "GO and TELL."

After Mr. Moody had finished preaching one of his great messages, and hundreds of souls had come to God, a rather refined lady went to him to tell him how much she appreciated what he had said, but quickly added: "But how you said it was almost too much for me! Mr. Moody, your English is atrocious!" Mr. Moody looked at her through kind eyes and said, "Lady, I am using all of the English language I have for the glory of God." Then hesitating for a moment, added, "Are you?"

Someone has said that God can use even a crooked stick to render a great impact—that is, if He owns the stick! Our problem then is, does God actually own us? If He does, then we are His, and not ours—His to GO and TELL!

If in His Word He speaks out about salvation, then GO and TELL it.

If He speaks out about the fulness of the Spirit, GO and TELL it.

If He speaks out about healing for the body, GO and TELL it.

If He speaks out about His soon coming, GO and TELL it.

If He says the soul that sinneth will surely die, GO and TELL it.

If He says there is redemption and rehabilitation for the sinner, GO and TELL it.

GO and TELL it. Let the seed fall into the soil of sin-saturated lives. It will never produce a crop unless we do this. Let it go. It will never do any one any good as long as we hold it. Let it go—let it go! Don't be hindered by handicaps, obstacles, timidity, fear or selfishness—let it go. Let it go. See a miracle take place. Let it go! Go—GO NOW—and TELL!

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beyond the grave; it is a new kind of life to be lived in an entirely different dimension. No longer are men to live unto themselves as slaves to sin; now believers are to share in the very life of Jesus Christ Himself. They are to experience his love, his joy, his peace, his power. As members of his body, the Church, they are summoned to be active participants in the carrying out of God's purpose in history: to call out a people for His name. Those who are "born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven" for them, look forward to the culmination of God's eternal purpose in the return of Jesus Christ at the end of the age. Then believers, alive or dead, will be joined with Christ. Their bodies will be changed to be like that of their resurrected Lord. They will bow to worship Him, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Thus the resurrection of Jesus Christ solves man's most baffling problem, and removes the sting of

DEDICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD MANOR, MODESTO

Pastor Roy Blakeley, of Modesto Neighborhood Church, reports that their Residential Home for Senior Citizens, Neighborhood Manor, has been a tremendous blessing to many of the elderly living there. One lady commented, "I hope the Lord lets me live a long time, because this is

death. Job's question has been decisively answered. If a man die, he *shall* live again—if by faith he shares in the resurrected life of the Son of God. Christ's resurrection alone offers man hope. The power of His resurrection is the greatest power in the universe. Because of Jesus' triumph over sin and death, Satan has been defeated; he has no claim on the Christian believer. To those who trust in Jesus Christ, salvation is a reality for today and for eternity. God's offer of salvation in the risen Christ stands before all men: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

like paradise, and I want to enjoy it as long as I can." Several others have remarked that this is the nicest home they have ever had in their lifetime.

Neighborhood Manor presents gracious living for the elderly in an atmosphere of Christian love and concern. Provision is made for activities in which each resident may participate as he or she desires. There is an Arts and Crafts class on Monday and Friday, chapel service on Wednesday, potluck dinners once a month, and out-door recreation.

Reverend Blakeley wished to announce a dedication service for Saturday, April 11, 1970, at 2:30 PM on the central lawn area of the Manor. There will be guests from Federal, State and local governments, as well as representatives from the District Office of the Assemblies of God. Rev. Charles W. H. Scott, Superintendent of Benevolence for the Assemblies of God, Springfield, will give the dedicatory speech, and Rev. Gerhart will offer the prayer.

There will also be an Open House after the ceremony, and on Sunday, April 12, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. All are invited to attend.

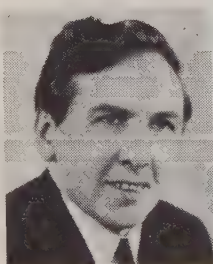
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THE PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

By Dr. William Greene

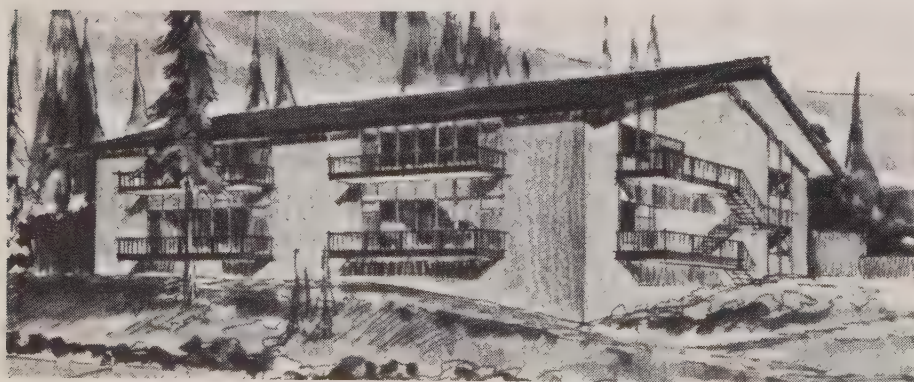
Some years ago, as a teenage paper boy, I remember standing on a street corner in a southern metropolitan city and crying out the headlines of an "extra" edition proclaiming what I later studied as the Hungarian Revolution. In the course of this historical revolt against communistic assault a young student is reported to have been stopped by a senior officer as he hurried from a building toward the battleground of the revolution carrying a large rifle. The officer queried the student as to his knowledge of how to use the weapon, only to receive an adamant reply: "No, but I can *LEARN!*"

In physics students ardently study what is known as the "Second Law of Thermo-dynamics," a law which states simply that no isolated mass can pass through the same state twice. It is the knowledge of this law that staggers those responsible for educational pursuit of excellence. *The World Has Changed And Will NOT Return!*

This leaves for educators the task of coming to grips with an ever-increasing global knowledge in which students must develop the ability to *alter organizational models*. Indeed, the two essentials of an adequate educational program are (1) a defined goal and (2) a working model by which to achieve that goal. In the pursuit of academic excellence any educational institution must concern itself with these essentials.

What, then, is the function of the private church-related college in this changing century? What advantages, if any, has a student in such an environment of learning? How long can such institutions exist in an era of social revolution with its flux in values, goals, and political structure? In the pursuit of academic excellence, can the private school attract the capable student and equip him with the necessary ability to live in a changing world and to alter the organizational models required to function in today's world? The ans-

EDUCATION CENTER PLANNED FOR BETHANY



To fulfill the role of an educational institution, Bethany must have classroom facilities that will meet the needs of an expanding enrollment. More classrooms are needed to continue and upgrade the present high academic standards of Bethany.

Above is an artist's sketch of a

new Education Center to be built at Bethany Bible College. The site is now under development. The Center is expected to cost approximately \$300,000. The two-level building measuring 120 by 60 feet will contain eight classrooms, five faculty offices, a conference room, and a lounge.

wer to these questions lies in the philosophy of education subscribed to by the institution, revered by the faculty, and bolstered by the student.

Historically, America's three traditional forces of power are and have been (1) military, (2) economic and (3) moral. It is this writer's firm belief that only as the first two of these forces become and remain subservient to the third will the United States lead the world in a successful stratagem for *Peace*. And this is the primary function of education.

The historic Boll Weevil Era of the South is an outstanding example of revolution. The migration of a hundred thousand persons to the cities resulted from a change in the "way of life" on small farms and a "struggle for economic existence." Again, as a newsboy, I remember shouting headlines in 1941 proclaiming America's entrance into World War II, "Struggle for *military* supremacy," and a goal of victory and peace. The accompanying revolution was a migration of thousands to metropolitan areas with war factories as a way of life was again changed. Finally, in your generation, the passage of a Civil Rights Law in very recent years has once again resulted in a social revolution with an accompanying change in the way of life for millions of Americans in a "struggle for moral and ethical existence." This may well be history's *final exam* for Christian education; and the role of the church-related, Bible-oriented college *must* and I believe *will* rise to the challenge.

Kierkegaardian philosophy, as I interpret it, regards revolution as a time of change in which a feat of

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NOTICE

Bethany ministerial graduates desire and are available for positions as pastors, youth ministers, music ministers, and school teachers. Contact the College Placement Office at Bethany Bible College, 800 Bethany Drive, Santa Cruz, California 95060.

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sembly the pastor just about has to be one with the people so that they are not made to feel that he feels he is superior to them, and is available to them when they need him. . . we would prefer a man who does not want to work on the side but will devote his time to the church. . . we need a man who desires the moving of the Spirit as we are in real need of a real outpouring of God's spirit. Please remember us in prayer. . ."

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Luther Perkins recently went to be with the Lord after a long illness during which she was a patient at the Driftwood Convalescent Hospital in Monterey, California, where her husband, the Rev. Luther Perkins is also a patient.

Mrs. Hattie Fletcher, widow of the late Rev. George Fletcher, finished her earthly journey on February 7, in Fresno, California.

These dear women served faithfully for many years in the ministry with their husbands and will, undoubtedly, have many sheaves to lay at the Master's feet. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved, and assure them of our prayers for their solace and comfort.

We mentioned the passing of Pastor H. C. Dodson in the March issue of Glad Tidings. The following has been submitted by the widow, "Herbert C. Dodson, 57, Pastor of Bethel Tabernacle, Rodeo, California, was called into the presence of the Lord, January 24, 1970. Ordained in 1950 by the Oregon District, he pastored in Beaver Creek and Alston's Corner, Oregon; Pittsburg and Rodeo, California. He also served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife, Tennie, two sons and one daughter."

Since the last magazine was printed, we have received a very interesting sketch of the life of Dr. Henry H. Ness, submitted by his secretary, Estelle Crittenden. We regret that space will not allow us to publish it in full at this time. We will quote, "The service for Brother Ness was just beautiful, spiritual and comforting to all of us. Between 800 and 1000 were in attendance, including about 65 ministers. We all felt the presence of the Lord in the service at the church, and at the cemetery. We shall greatly miss Dr. Ness, but are comforted that he no longer has to suffer pain with long wearisome days and sleepless nights."

Mrs. Ada Bohrman mother of Mrs. Arthur Lindvall, went to be with the Lord on March 10. Mrs.



Two of our Executive Presbyters who have faithfully served the District for a number of years have retired from these offices. Elected to serve in the position vacated by Rev. O. C. Arnesen is the Rev. A. Watson Argue, Jr. Elected to serve in the position vacated by Rev. Robert Doherty is the Rev. George Elrod. Re-elected to serve as Executive Presbyter for another two-year term is the Rev. Don Annas.

1— Rev. and Mrs. Annas, Rev. and Mrs. Argue, and Rev. and Mrs. Elrod

Bohrman was an ordained minister and years ago had pastored the Campbell Assembly for a period of ten years. She was a faithful member of the First Assembly in Pacific Grove at the time of her death. Pastor Otis Keener conducted the funeral service on March 13. We extend our prayers and sympathy to Mrs. Lindvall and other members of the family who have suffered this loss.

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LAS VEGAS A.C.T.S. SUCCESS

Wilbur H. Wacker, Pastor of Trinity Temple, Las Vegas, Nevada reports that the adult Bible study, youth seminar, and child evangelism crusade which made up the Advanced Christian Training Seminar held February 2nd through 6th has resulted in a spirit of spiritual renewal throughout the church. A.C.T.S. programs were conducted simultaneously.

George Holmes, former executive of the British Assemblies of God and London Pastor, taught the adults from Exodus 12 under the topic of "The Marvels of Our Redemption." Brother Holmes nightly presented

Bible truths in a scholarly manner, saturated with the Spirit — and sprinkled with typical English wit. Acceptance of his ministry was seen in the increase of attendance night by night and the additional tape recorders "humming away"! Some of the studies were then printed and made available to the students on the final night.

Winkie Pratney, from New Zealand, challenged young people to live for Christ in today's society — how to adjust in present day life with the influence of modern music, and effects of the new morality and its problems. Folk music written by Winkie and sung by him and his wife, Faye, helped to bring the message. At the close of the A.C.T.S. a junior high age snow camp was held at Lee Canyon with Winkie as guest. Winkie's counseling with the youth has given the effort a far reaching effect.

The Child Evangelism Crusade portion of A.C.T.S. was conducted by Faye Clark of Salinas, California. A professional teacher, Faye is giving her full time and efforts to the causes of Christian Education and Child Evangelism.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A new addition to the family tree was announced by Jerry and Chris Walton, Oakland, California. Lisa Michelle was born February 8, a real heavyweight at 10 lbs. 3½ oz.

A bundle of heaven arrived on February 13 at the home of Nic and Mary Anderson, Turlock, California. This fine little man was named Nicolaus Todd and weighed 7 lb, 7 oz.

All news in this section is printed as contributed by the Assemblies. We welcome brief reports from all of our Churches and Evangelists. All photos should be sharp, high contrast, black and white glossies.



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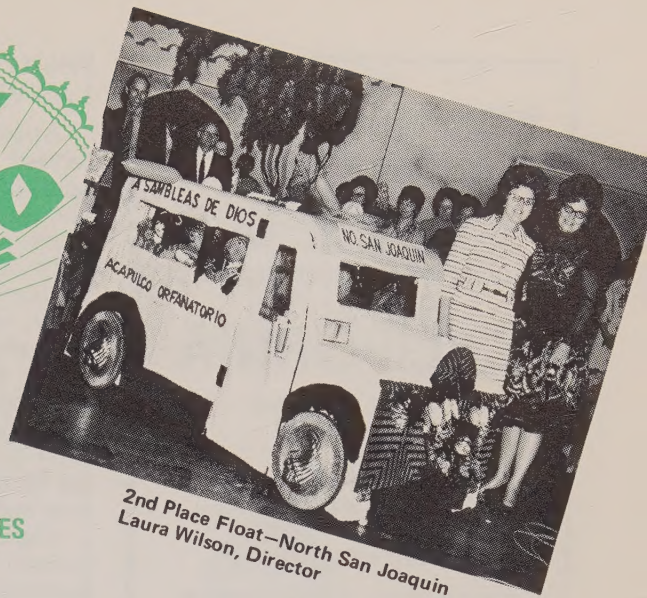
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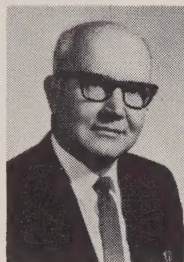
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WILKERSON RALLY JAMS LAS VEGAS CHURCH

Approximately 1100 people attended the Dave Wilkerson Rally held January 16th in Trinity Temple, Las Vegas, Nevada. Wilbur H. Wacker is pastor.

In spite of the fact one of the Nation's top "rock" groups was in town, chairs had to be set up in every available space, people seated in every window cover, and standing all along the walls to accommodate the overflow. Still two or three hundred people had to be turned away for lack of room in Trinity Temple's new sanctuary.

Highlight of the evening was witnessed when approximately two hundred persons went forward for counseling following Brother Wilkerson's sermon. Another high point was the singing and personal testimony of Dallas Holmes, converted rock singer.

The amazing cooperation of the news media covering the rally helped to make it such a resounding success. Dave Wilkerson was granted a half-hour television interview. Several radio stations carried free spot announcements concerning the meeting. After the meeting was concluded, Las Vegas' most popular rock station, KENO, called back to inquire about the results of the meeting.

Pastor Wacker is greatly encouraged by the interest and results, and has scheduled Dave Wilkerson to return to Las Vegas periodically for similar rallies. Like all other cities, Las Vegas has an urgent narcotics and youth problem. Trinity Temple is dedicated by such means to do everything possible to present Christ as the answer to these problems.

R. R. HONOR TO JIM WHITE

James White, a member of the Assembly of God, Elk Grove, California, was recently awarded the "Gold Medal of Achievement"—the highest honor given to a Royal Ranger. The award was presented by Rev. Joe Wright, Men's Fellowship Director for the Assemblies of God in Northern California and Nevada. Jim White is the 24th Ranger to receive this coveted award in the entire Assemblies of God.



Jim began Royal Rangers as a "Trailblazer" at the age of 14. When he became an "Air Ranger" at the age of 15, he began to work hard to complete the requirements for the "Gold Medal of Achievement." Jim is now a Junior Commander in the Royal Ranger outpost at the Elk Grove Assembly of God, where Rev. Ed Weising is pastor and commander of the Royal Ranger outpost. Mr. Harvey Warner is Men's Fellowship President.

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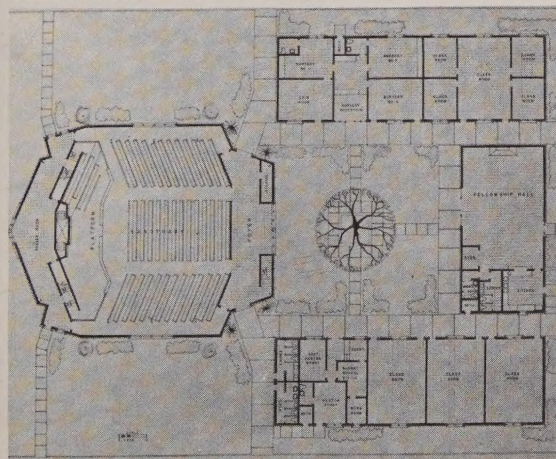
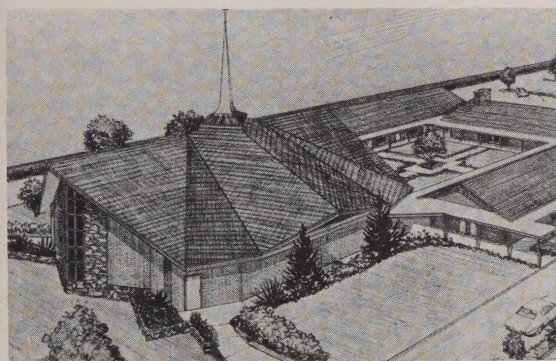
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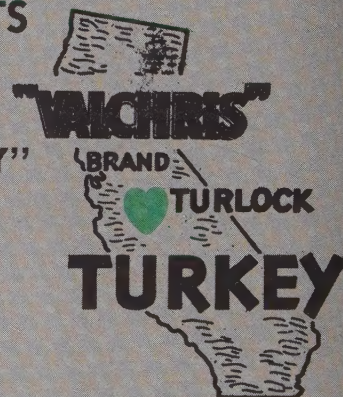
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